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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the May 21, 2003 Official Communication in the above-identified matter, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 of copending Application No. 10/057,753 (Bavykin et al.) In view of Ekenberg (U.S. Patent No. 6,218,531).

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mirzabekov et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,981,734) in view of Ekenberg '531.